GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2813
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SILK BLENDED YARNS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Govt. of Karnataka regarding (i) the process of development and optimization for production of silk blended yarns and fabrics, and (ii) conducting studies on the promotion of Seri silk worm rearing as subsistence sustainable occupation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)
(i) The Government of India has not received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka regarding the process of development and optimization for production of Silk blended yarns and fabrics.

(ii)Regarding promotion of Eri Silkworm rearing as sustainable occupation in the State, Central Silk Board has received two proposals from NGOs, forwarded by Government of Karnataka, one from "The Bridge Foundation (TBF)" and "Karnataka Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development Society (KSARDS)".

(b) Details are furnished in Annexure-I (enclosed)

(c) The Bridge Foundation (TBF) has submitted one more project viz."Promotion of Ericulture in Karnataka" for the districts of Davanagere, Shimoga and Hassan during June, 2006 which is under consideration by the Central Silk Board.

(d) CSB will be convening a Meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) shortly, during the month of January, 2007 to scrutinize and consider the Projects submitted by the NGOs and, the above said Project proposal would be considered at that time.

Annexure - I

Details of the NGO Projects that are being implemented with Central Assistance:

Title of the Project	Promotion of Eri Silk Worm Rearing	Promotion of Ericulture Technology
Project implementing Agency/NGO	The Bridge Foundation	KSARDS (Karnataka Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development Society)
Duration of the Project	One time assistance provided during 2004.	1 year
Project Cost	Rs.33,500/-	Rs.21.27 lakhs
Central Assistance	-	Rs.13.68 lakhs
Beneficiary contribution	-	Rs.7.59 lakhs
Brief Objectives of the Project	To assist the Beneficiaries to take up training and Silk Worm Rearing	# To create awareness among the rural poor farmers of the target area on cultivation of Eri Food Plants, Castor. # To encourage the rural poor farmers raising systematic plantation of Eri Food Plants,

Castor.

No. of Beneficiaries assisted One Eri Demonstration Cum Training Centre at Belgaum and 15 beneficiaries assisted for plantation, procurement of leaves, equipment and for payment of stipend. 240

Project implementation 18.11.2004 From the year 2006

Present Status In total 2,700 Eri dfls were reared and registered a cocoon yield upto 94 Kgs. Per 100 dfls. Under this project, 126 beneficiaries from the four districts have taken up Eri silkworm rearing during Nov.2006. The cocoons are yet to be harvested. A very good crop is expected. 4.2 MT of Eri cocoons were produced.